



TORRANCE GETTING C. N. G. ARMORY . . . Torrrence will have a \$500,000 California National Guard armory, according to plans announced yesterday by Major General Curtis D. O'Sullivan, adjutant general of California. Shown discussing details at a meeting in the City Hall are, left to right, Capt. P. H. Binford, of the adjutant general's office; George W. Stevens, city administrator; General O'Sullivan; Major Clyde Carpenter, commanding the 578th Combat Engineer battalion now stationed at Torrrence Municipal Airport, and Major Myron C. Page, regular army instructor for the battalion. (Torrrence Herald photo).

## NEW SCHOOLS ASKED UNDER BOND ISSUE WOULD BE READY BY FEBRUARY 1949—INGRUM

New schools propose under the \$1,464,108 bond issue program of the Torrrence Board of Education should be ready for occupancy the second semester of next year, or February, 1949, Emmett W. Ingram, assistant superintendent of schools, said Monday.

Outlining procedure, Ingram said that in four to six weeks all sites needed in the program will have been selected.

"Negotiations are pretty well along," the schools business manager told members of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association.

"Plans will require from three to six months, and construction will require the balance of the period," Ingram declared.

The Board of Education tentatively has set May 14 as the date of the bond election by which four new 15-unit schools will be financed in addition to one 10-unit addition at Fern Avenue School, a three-unit addition at Perry School and improvements including a cafeteria at Torrrence Elementary, a district administration building, a cafeteria at Torrrence High School and practical arts equipment at the high school.

The four 15-unit schools would cost \$283,000 each, it is estimated.

Ingram said that the new schools for Southwest Torrrence (Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos) and North Torrrence, east of Crenshaw boulevard, are the first need.

Torrrence Elementary School has three classrooms vacant which can handle overflow in that area, he declared, but stated that the Fern Avenue School addition is essential. Double sessions will be needed late this year and early next, to handle the increasing pupil load, and transportation of students from North and Southwest Torrrence to centrally located schools will be necessary, Ingram declared. Already pupils from Torrrence Manor, at 174th street and Crenshaw boulevard, are being transported by bus to Torrrence Elementary School.

He said that the Torrrence district has been required to assume in Los Angeles bonds \$175,000 each from the elementary school district and high school district, since Torrrence has taken over the system built by Los Angeles over a period of some 25 years.

## City Workers' Safety Record Earns Dividend

Joseph J. Gallagher, manager of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, has announced that the City of Torrrence and its employees established an excellent safety record during the year ending Feb. 14, 1947. As a result the City of Torrrence has reduced its workmen's compensation insurance cost by 65 per cent of the premium. This saving was in the form of a cash dividend amounting to \$4,891.87.

The attention which was given to accident prevention and the cooperation of city officials has enabled the State Compensation Insurance Fund to effect this saving for the City of Torrrence.

## Carl's Opening 5 And 10 Store Here On Friday

Carl's Stores, a 5c, 10c and 25c organization with stores throughout Southern California, will open Friday, March 5 at 1512 Cravens avenue.

Housed in the modern building formerly occupied by the Levy Home Mart, Carl's displays and fixtures will be of the most up to the moment functional design.

All merchandise of the Levy Home Mart has been moved to 1315 Sartori avenue in the store room formerly occupied by the Whelan Drug Stores adjacent to the Sam Levy Department store, Levy stated.

Completely new stock of Carl's, moved in this week, is advertised in a full-page advertisement in today's edition of this newspaper.

## COMPLETE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DUE OUTLYING SECTIONS OF TORRANCE

The City of Torrrence is well aware of the needs of the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrrence, and complete municipal service will be provided as soon as the city is financially able to handle the various problems, in keeping with the growth of the section, George W. Stevens, city administrator, told residents of the area Monday night.

Meeting with the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, Stevens said: "We are well aware of the needs of your district and we are anxious to fulfill our obligations. We will be back on a firm financial foundation after July 1, and we will be able to maintain better services such as street, police and fire protection, parks, garbage collection and other needs."

Stevens told the group at present there are 180 miles of streets to maintain in Torrrence, and with each new home development, the amount grows. He said that each park department employee has an average of 12 miles of street parkways to maintain in addition to the city parks.

Following a talk by Emmett W. Ingram, assistant superintendent of schools, the group unanimously endorsed the bond issue proposals of the Torrrence City Board of Education under which a 15-unit school building, costing approximately \$283,000, may be built between Via Los Miradores and Calle de Castellana.

The Home Owners Association reelected Comdr. W. A. Mason as president, Lee Flanagan as vice president, Mrs. Hubert Brier secretary and treasurer, and Willard Key committee on deeds and restrictions.

In his talk to the group, Stevens, speaking extemporaneously, said that the city was setting up a long-range program of armor coating and seal coating of streets in each part of the city each year.

"Some streets in each section of the city will be worked upon

## Schools Cut Bond Issue Request Total

Torrrence City Board of Education Tuesday night pared down its estimates for the proposed school bond issue and cut the total to be asked on May 14 to \$1,464,108.

No items were eliminated, but estimates for architects and miscellaneous fees were cut from 15 per cent to 12 per cent, thus reducing the estimates \$5,000 on each of four new 15-unit schools proposed.

Land cost estimates were reduced from \$25,000 to \$17,500, cutting the total estimated cost from \$283,000 down to \$270,500 per school. Estimates for the Fern Avenue School addition of 10 units were reduced from \$173,375 to \$169,844, and cost of an administration building was reduced from \$75,000 to \$50,000.

Allowance for practical arts was cut from \$75,000 to \$50,000. In addition, the board decided to offer for sale the 15-acre farm site in North Torrrence, not suitable for school use because of its location on Redondo Beach boulevard near Western avenue, and fixed an estimated price of \$39,000 on the tract.

The reductions were made following a lengthy conference with R. I. Plomert, Jr., chairman of the Torrrence Industries Tax Committee.

## Red Cross Sets "Kick-Off" Meet For Tuesday Nite

A meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce directors' room, will mark the "kick-off" for the annual Red Cross Drive in Torrrence, according to Mrs. A. L. Hudson, recently appointed fund chairman.

Bob L. Haggard, branch chairman, will be present to greet the fund chairman and James Dancy, director of Red Cross branches, Los Angeles district and Dean L. Sears, manager of Torrrence branch Bank of America, both of whom will address the group.

Red Cross representatives will outline solicitors' duties and supply their campaign kits.

## NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY TO COST \$500,000 SLATED FOR BATTALION IN TORRANCE

Torrrence will get a National Guard armory which may cost an estimated \$500,000 under present plans of the Office of the Adjutant General of California, the Torrrence Herald was informed yesterday.

Major General Curtis D. O'Sullivan, the adjutant general, said that whether or not negotiations are completed for use of a portion of Torrrence Municipal Airport as an armory site, Torrrence definitely is in line for a permanent armory.

General O'Sullivan declared that if the building cannot be located on the airport, it will be situated elsewhere in Torrrence. The City Council is on record offering a site for an armory, and the state proceeds along the line that each community in which an armory is to be located shall provide land, the state providing the buildings, which will be available for community use, the general said.

The airport site is acceptable, it was said, but whether or not the necessary lease can be negotiated under the present and potential status of the federally-owned field has not been determined. General O'Sullivan declared that for temporary armories, five year leases with options for five years are necessary. On permanent buildings, 99-year leases are required.

Meanwhile, it was decided yesterday, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy said, that a lease will be offered the state on the tract of city land at Cabrillo (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Telephone Needs Of New Tracts Given Attention

Demands for immediate action to provide telephones to more than 400 potential subscribers in new areas in Southwest Torrrence have been filed with the city administration by representatives of the areas involved.

Located in the territory assigned to the Associated Telephone Co., largest independent in the west, the applicants for new service have been given no hope for immediate installation of communication facilities. Involved are residents of Seaside Ranchos, the California-Nevada tract and other parts of Hollywood Riviera.

Among applicants are doctors and other professional men who have acquired homes in the area, and the lack of facilities has been declared by some of them to be a serious threat to public health and safety in the involved sections.

According to information handed to the Torrrence Herald, one applicant, a physician and surgeon, has had his request for a telephone on file since Nov. 15, 1947, and the company involved has said that no service can be rendered for many months due to lack of cable from the district office to the Seaside Ranchos area.

Lack of telephones is hampering police and fire protection in the involved areas, it was said.

Inquiries have been made of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., which serves the rest of Torrrence, as to whether or not it can extend its lines to serve the areas for which the Associated company cannot provide facilities, but under present assignments of territory, it is said Seaside Ranchos and California-Nevada tracts must look to Associated unless the Public Utilities Commission of California authorizes a shift of territory.

## Construction To Start Soon On Water Line

Immediate construction of parts of the North Torrrence water system, thus ending a serious fire hazard as well as eliminating a long time shortage of water, was seen Tuesday night as the City Council called for preparation of estimates of cost of the system.

This was done after Taylor & Taylor, water engineers, had scanned the market at the demand of Councilman W. H. Tolson, locating 30,000 feet of cast iron pipe needed for the system.

Previously Water Superintendent William H. Stanger had located some 12,000 feet. Stanger said that it will require approximately 62,300 feet to complete the entire North Torrrence system.

Councilman Tolson handed the Council a letter from Taylor & Taylor stating that they had an option on the 30,000 feet of four, six and eight inch pipe, and after a conference with the engineers, the Council ordered the preparation of plans and specifications on an alternate basis, a preliminary move to the advertising for bids.

North Torrrence is to be served with Metropolitan Water District water through Torrrence Municipal Water District No. 2.

## Lumina Trailer Project To Close By May First

The Lumina Trailer Development, 20210 South Western avenue, will close by May 1 according to J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrrence Veteran's Service Center.

The 125 veteran families will be transferred to other developments in this area and the trailers will be disposed of by War Assets, Caldwell said. The present occupants will be given first option to purchase the trailers which are reported to be priced at \$300 as is.

Caldwell reported that the development of the trailer park, that is located on Columbia Steel property, was made possible through the efforts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans Service Center of this area.

## NORTH TORRANCE TO GET FIRE ENGINE; VOLUNTEERS WILL BE TRAINED BY CITY

North Torrrence will get immediate fire protection in the way of equipment and training of volunteers to man it, City Administrator George W. Stevens said yesterday, following through on demands of residents of the area expressed editorially in the Torrrence Herald edition of last week.

Stevens informed the Herald that preparations are being made to put a 400-gallon tank pumper now owned by the city in North Torrrence, and negotiations are underway to purchase a 2000-gallon fire truck for that area. It is a used piece of military equipment.

He declared that it is hoped that the engine can be housed in the garage of L. A. Mann, at Prairie avenue and 182nd street. Volunteers from among the men of the neighborhood would be given immediate training in operation of the equipment and in fire fighting methods.

The 2000-gallon pumper can be obtained at a fraction of its original cost, according to Stevens, and it will be sufficient to remedy the situation pending installation of water lines to be completed this summer. Until the big truck is obtained, the 400-gallon rig will be used, he said.

Ultimately, a fire house will be constructed in North Torrrence, to be staffed by regulars and volunteers, it was said.

The action to put fire equipment in North Torrrence, and to train men as fire fighters, came as a result of the fire on Feb. 24 in which a home burned to the ground because of lack of equipment and water supply.

North Torrrence has had to depend on the central station for its protection, except for a 40-gallon trailer which hooks onto the rear of a car. It has been stationed in Mann's garage.

A complete survey of the fire protection of the entire city now is in progress, according to Stevens.

At the present time there is only one full time fireman for each 1.23 square miles of city (Continued on Page 4-A)

## BUXTON, TOLSON, GILBERT SEEK REELECTION; SPIRITED CONTESTS SEEN APRIL 13

The three incumbent members of the Torrrence City Council whose terms will expire in April have accepted nomination for re-election on the April 13 city election ballot, it was revealed last night.

Incumbents are William H. Tolson, former mayor; Bronson C. Buxton, who was appointed to fill out the term of George V. Powell, resigned, and C. Mer-ton Gilbert.

Tolson and Buxton had been reluctant to accept nomination for re-election, and it was only until their friends implored them to seek office as city legislators that they consented to permit petitions to be filed in their behalf.

Several other nominees have been mentioned for City Council, and when the filing closes today (Thursday) at 12 noon, it is expected that the following will be among those seeking places on the Council:

Tolson, Buxton, Gilbert, William E. King, George C. Powell, Jonathan L. Dunmyer, James A. Wayt, Ralph M. Watson, Franklin M. Kreckow, George W. Downing and Nickolas O. Drale.

Three members of the Council will be elected, and J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., and A. L. Jackson are holdover members.

Three members of the Board of Education also will be elected, and incumbents in each office are candidates. They include Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president of the board, George P. Thatcher and Carl Steele. They will seek re-election, and other possible candidates for the Board of Education are reported to include Alben Iser, attorney at law, although he has not filed.

As filing neared the "zero" hour yesterday, it was indicated that spirited campaigns may be expected in both the City Council and Board of Education elections. In addition to the election of members of the Council and Board of Education, five propositions will be voted upon by the people on April 13.

Three are amendments to the City Charter which must be ratified at the session of the California Legislature, which opened Monday, before its adjournment, to be effective this year, and two are city ordinance propositions.

Amendment No. 1 to the Charter requires that elections of members of the Board of Education be held in accordance with the Elections code rather than the Elections code, thus removing them from the regular city elections.

Amendment No. 2 provides for the permanent establishment of the City Manager form of government for Torrrence.

Amendment No. 3 asks that "draw poker" be eliminated from Torrrence by making it illegal to license or conduct the game in Torrrence or permit premises to be used for such a purpose.

One ordinance to be voted upon will eliminate the pay of \$50 a month to members of the City Council, and the other will allow the removal of members of the Police and Fire departments for cause.

Pressed by his friends to become a candidate for re-election, Councilman Buxton consented, and issued the following statement:

"When I entered the Council last October there was a lot of important unfinished business on the calendar and I am glad to say that the Council has been able to take care of most of these problems.

"We have selected and appointed George W. Stevens as city administrator and he will take the position of city manager." (Continued on Page 6-A)

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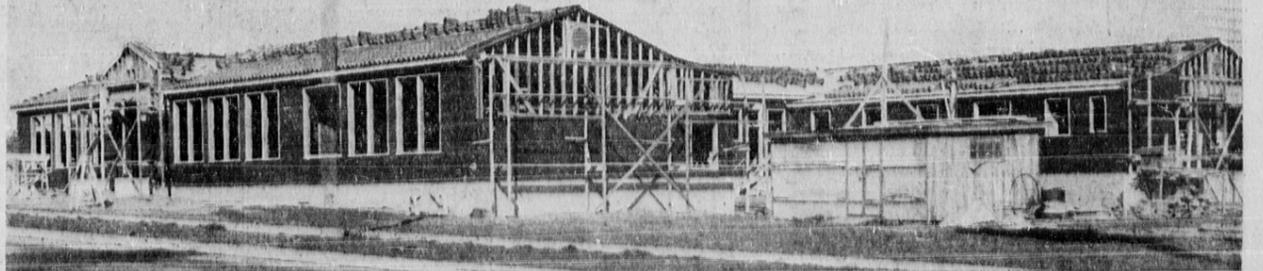
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## Weather Report

The following temperatures were recorded during the week by the official weather station in Torrrence:

| Day     | Maximum | Minimum |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Feb. 25 | 74      | 41      |
| 26      | 64      | 40      |
| 27      | 69      | 41      |
| 28      | 58      | 47      |
| 29      | 61      | 38      |
| March 1 | 61      | 44      |
| 2       | 60      | 39      |

A trace of rain was recorded on Feb. 28 and 0.06 of an inch was recorded the following day.



PAROCHIAL SCHOOL NEARS COMPLETION . . . Entering final stages of construction, Nativity Parish school, designed to accommodate some 300 pupils of elementary grades, will be ready for occupancy in the late spring. The structure, located at Acacia avenue and Carson street, will cost upwards of \$150,000 and the Sisters home, soon to be erected on a nearby site, will be erected at a cost of approximately \$40,000.